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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Steven R. Wasylchak

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/22/02.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6,8 and 9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6,8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 1, 2 and 7 have been canceled; claims 3-6 and 8,9 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. "At least" is open ended.

4. The mere introduction of a plurality of elements is not novel (In re Harza, 274 F.2d 669,124 USPQ 378 (CCPA 1960)).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 3-6, 8, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nishibe et al (US 5,120,945).

As per claim 3,

A household account book management apparatus comprising an plural input units which input a variety of account data, a processing unit which processes the inputted account data, a memory unit which stores the processed result performed by said

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processing unit and a display unit which displays the account data stored in said memory unit as a household account book, wherein said displaying unit displays the respective account data inputted from said plural input units and the account data entered in said memory unit as the household account book and processing unit includes an overlap judgment unit which judges an overlap between the respective account data displayed on said display unit and the account data entered in said memory unit as the household account book and stores the account data into said memory unit based on the result of the overlap judgment./ fig 5, 6; col 5, L 34-43; col 7, L 17-25

As per claim 4,

A household account book management apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said processing unit includes a data analysis unit which converts the inputted account data into predetermined format for judging an overlap between the inputted account data and the account data stored in said memory unit as the household account book. / fig 5, 6, 11, 16; col 5, L 34-43; col 7, L 17-25

As per claim 5,

A household account book management apparatus according to claim 4, said memory unit stores a rule for converting the account data into the predetermined format, and said data analysis unit converts the account data into the predetermined format based on the rule stored in said memory unit./ fig 6,13-18

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As per claim 6,

A household account book management apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said processing unit includes a check unit which displays the converted account data on said display unit for verifying the account data converted by said data analysis unit into the predetermined format./fig 2, 5, 7A,B

As per claim 8,

A household account book management system in which a plurality of terminals are connected via a network and at least one terminal includes a household account book management apparatus which displays account data inputted via the network as a household account book, wherein said household account book management apparatus includes plural input units which input a variety of account data, a processing unit which processes the inputted account data, a memory unit which stores the processed result performed by said processing unit and a display unit which displays the account data stored in said memory unit as a household account book, wherein said displaying unit displays the respective account data inputted from said plural input units and the account data entered in said memory unit as the household account book sand said processing unit included an overlap judgment unit which judges an overlap between the respective account data displayed on said display unit and the account data entered in said memory unit as the household account book and stores the account data into said memory unit based on the result of the overlap judgment./ abstract; fig 2, 5, 6, 16; col 2,

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As per claim 9,

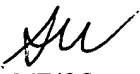
A household account book managing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein at least one of said plural input units receives account data from the outside of said household account book managing apparatus via a network/ fig 2, 11, 15

This action is NON-FINAL. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven R. Wasylchak whose telephone number is (703) 308-2848. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin, can be reached at (703) 308-1065. The fax number for Art Unit 3624 is (703) 746-7239.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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